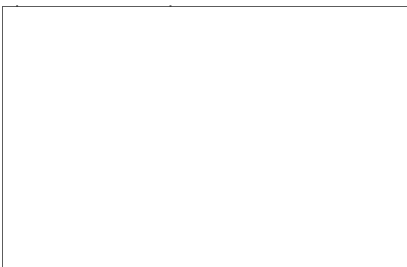Central Intelligence Agency

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The Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of 25 July requesting cooperation in briefing Messrs. O'Brien, Mineta, Markey, Eckert and Brown on the current situation and outlook regarding the American hostages in Lebanon. I appreciate the pressure you and they are under from the families and share the sense of anger and frustration that the families and their congressional representatives feel. I conveyed this, along with my assurances that the Administration is earnestly and continuously working toward release of the hostages, to Congressman O'Brien in a telephone conversation last week.

I am willing to have Clair George meet personally with Messrs. O'Brien, Mineta, Markey, Eckert and Brown to present the facts as we know them

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I am aware that Congressman O'Brien discussed this subject at length during breakfast with Acting Secretary of State Whitehead. I'm not at all sure that Clair George can convey anything new or different; he cannot speak to the prognosis for release. But if his knowledge of the facts and his personal familiarity with the realities of life in that part of the world can in some way be helpful, I do wish to cooperate, repeating, as I must, the caveats as to passage of the information to the families and staff exclusion from the briefing.

Sincerely,

/s/ John N. McMahon

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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Congress of the United States
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Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

   As you may have been advised by your staff, five Congressmen --
Messrs. O'Brien of Illinois, Mineta of California, Markey of
Massachusetts, Eckert of New York, and Brown of Colorado -- have
constituents who are presently being held hostage in Lebanon. This
group of Congressmen would greatly appreciate a briefing from the
intelligence community, before August 2, outlining the current
situation regarding these hostages, the outlook for their potential
release, and other germane information which you feel is appropriate.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

                                        Sincerely,

                                        Joseph P. Addabbo
                                        Chairman
                                        Defense Subcommittee

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1. EXDIR	7/29	7/29	WS	**Ref:** Rep. O'Brien's continuing efforts re hostages
2. DDCI	2 9 JUL 1985			o We anticipated an Addabbo request to help O'Brien, Mineta, Markey, Eckert and Brown. It is attached, with a briefing request prior to 2 August.
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5. Return to D/OLL	2 9 JUL 1985			o As mentioned to John this a.m., Clair has expressed a willingness to personally brief them if it will help.
6.				o The attached response to Addabbo is my own language. I have not coordinated with anyone.
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8.				o I have missed connections all day with Will Ball at State to let him know of Addabbo's request and this game plan. Will do so when we connect.
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